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Senator Monnes-Anderson, Chair  
Senator Kruse, Vice Chair  
Senate Health Care Committee  
Oregon Legislative Assembly

School of Nursing

Re: HB 2134

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Dear Chair Monnes-Anderson, Vice-Chair Kruse, and Members of the Committee:

As a nurse health care provider and researcher/ nurse scientist, one of the most important things I do is to develop the best intervention with primary health care providers and other disciplines for the patients we care for. However, there are many times when I go to review the literature in order to understand the conditions and find little or no information about entire racial and ethnic communities. I know from my own experiences and research with Vietnamese American women and low cervical cancer screening rates (high risk subgroup) that considering racial and cultural health factors could impact and make a difference in

caring for and improving the health outcomes of communities of color.

The best way to promote the Triple Aim goal of lower costs, better healthcare, and better outcomes is through providing the same high level of health care and human services to all Oregonians. Despite our work, we know that some communities have poorer health outcomes than others and that these barriers to health include inaccurate and inconsistent data and a lack of culturally & linguistically appropriate care. Understanding Oregon's changing population and creating a local set of best practices that complies with national standards is a necessary step to removing health disparities in Oregon.

Oregon's health care transformation has the goal of providing the health care and services that all Oregonians need to be healthy. Our system needs to be targeted and data-driven to provide more effective and efficient care for all Oregonians. Accurate, consistent and meaningful data collection is a crucial component of this goal, making it possible for providers to refine and improve the quality of care for their patients and clients, while maximizing our limited resources.

Please vote YES on HB 2134 and support our work to have meaningful, consistent, and accurate data collection in health and human services.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Connie Kim Yen Nguyen-Truong'.

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